

## REMARKS

Applicants reply to the Office Action dated October 17, 2008 within the shortened statutory three month period for reply. Claims 65 and 67-71 were pending in the application and the Examiner rejects claims 65 and 67-71. Support for the amendments may be found in the originally-filed specification, claims, and figures. No new matter has been introduced by the amendments. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

The Examiner rejects claims 65 and 67-71 under 35 USC 101 as drawn to non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection; however, in the interest of expedited prosecution, Applicants amend the claims as suggested by the Examiner. In particular, the Examiner asserts that the steps are mental steps which are not tied to an apparatus or device. Applicants amend the steps of the claims to include a computer, as suggested by the Examiner. Because the Examiner did not raise any other rejections, Applicants assert that the claims comply with all statutory requirements.

The claims of the present application are different and possibly broader than the claims pursued in related or parent applications. To the extent any prior amendments or characterizations of the scope of any claim or referenced art could be construed as a disclaimer of any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, Applicants hereby rescind and retract such disclaimer. Accordingly, the references previously construed in the related or parent applications may need to be revisited.

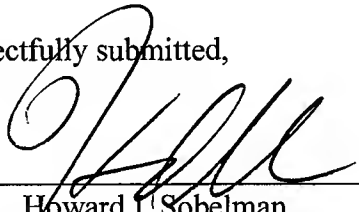
When “at least one of A, B, or C” is used in the claims, Applicants intend the phrase to mean any of the following: (1) at least one of A; (2) at least one of B; (3) at least one of C; (4) at least one of A and at least one of B; (5) at least one of B and at least one of C; (6) at least one of A and at least one of C; or (7) at least one of A, at least one of B, and at least one of C.

Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees, which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. **19-2814**. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner has any questions regarding this Reply or the present application in general.

Respectfully submitted,

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